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NORTHERN COMMAND**

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Overview

In calendar year 2008, the Northern Command Officers performed their duties with professionalism, honor and integrity. Overall, the enforcement of traffic violations in the Northern Command increased by 6.62% over the calendar year 2007. As enforcement increased this past year, overall traffic crashes decreased by 4.11%.

Our Officers showed an increase in arresting drivers under the influence of intoxicating beverages or substances and ended the year with 1660 DUI arrests. The average blood alcohol content (BAC) of the intoxicated drivers this year was 0.15% BAC, which is well above the legal intoxication limit of .08% BAC. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 34 years old.

Our highways again claimed the lives of many people this year. The total number of people who died in accidents investigated by our officers was 48. There were many causes for these lost lives on our roadway but most alarming was that 33% of those who died, were not wearing their seatbelts.

Tragedy impacted our command last year when Trooper Kara Kelly-Borgonone gave the ultimate sacrifice and lost her life in the line of duty. Trooper Kelly-Borgonone was a model officer; a true leader, and a loving wife and mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Borgonone family and we as a Department truly miss Trooper Kelly-Borgonone.

On a brighter note, the Northern Command would like to recognize Trooper Amy Halton for being named the Northern Command's Officer of the Year. We would also like to recognize Sergeant Rob Stepien for being named the Northern Command's Sergeant of the Year. Ms. Allison Parks from our Northern Command's Administrative Office was named the Northern Command Employee of the year. These three employees are truly dedicated individuals who all serve the public with an unmeasurable willingness to give of themselves to the citizens of our State.

I would like to thank all of our Northern Command employees for their dedication and hard work toward making Nevada's highways a safer place.

NORTHERN COMMAND

NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	2008	2007	% Change		
Total Crashes	4004	4176	-4.11%		
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2806	2842	-1.26%		
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1153	1312	-12.11%		
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	45	31	45.16%		
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	224	204	9.80%		
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	48	32	50.00%		
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	14	7	100.00%		
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	2	0.0%		
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	17	9	88.88%		
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	4	8	-50.00%		
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	12	7	71.42%		
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	234	254	-7.87%		
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	166	187	-11.23%		
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	65	71	-8.45%		
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	8	3	166.66%		

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.5%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 33.33%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.8 %

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	2008		2007	% Change		
DUI arrests from crashes ##	224		220	1.81%		
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	1436		1399	2.64%		
Other Arrests	6744		6740	0.05%		
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	2954		2993	-1.30%		
Speed violations	30,786		31,017	-0.74%		
Hazardous moving violations	10,181		9024	12.82%		
Occupant restraint violations ##	5181		4878	6.21%		
Total violations [above violations included]	83,348		78,170	6.62%		
Commercial Enforcement						
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	364		273	33.33%		
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	307		332	-7.53%		
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	8165		7879	3.63%		
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		36	-94.44%		
Total safety violations -- citation	3639		3625	0.38%		
Total safety violations -- repair order	22,930		26,897	-14.74%		
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	983		1269	-22.53%		
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	1013		1089	-6.97%		
Total school buses inspected	1241		1363	-8.95%		
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	376		183	105.46%		
Total trucks weighed	5966		7193	-17.05%		
Total overweight citations	1237		365	238.90%		
Total dyed fuel inspections	4422		4863	-9.06%		
Total dyed fuel citations	13		26	-50.00%		

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2008		2007	% Change		
COMMUNICATION CENTER						
Radio Transmissions from Console	4,080,807		3,495,791	16.7%		
CAD Incidents	201,674		203,276	-0.8%		
Telephone Calls	234,248		223,184	5.0%		
CAD Logs	1,740,665		1,523,181	14.3%		
FRONT OFFICE						
Accident Reports Processed	4347		4378	-0.71%		
Arrest Reports Processed	3003		2749	9.24%		
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	288		201	43.28%		
Office Accident Reports Taken	149		161	-7.45%		
Citations Processed	52621		47,693	10.33%		
Vehicle Impound Releases	*13		N/A	N/A%		
Visitors at Counter	*1022		N/A	N/A%		
Crash Reports Mailed Out	*6,737.70		N/A	N/A%		
COURT / WARRANT						
Warrants Received	9586		9515	0.7%		
Warrants Entered	5331		4481	19.0%		
Warrants Cleared	5825		7522	-22.6%		
Warrants Validated	18,698		24,070	-22.3%		
Extradition / Transports	207		338	-38.8%		

*Stats only reflect May 2008-December 2008, as May was the month in which we began tracking these elements.

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.15%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 34years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 37 Contracts using 1,941.30 hours, billed in the amount of \$123,335.38

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command airplane made 162 flights over the past calendar year for a total of 427.8 hours. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
61	216.3		Speed Enforcement
45	95.4		Prisoner Transport in State
17	35.1		Personnel Transport
6	15.7		Out of State Prisoner Extradition
5	15.1		Pilot/Observer Training
6	12.8		Property Transport
8	11.5		Line Patrol
6	11.3		Maintenance
4	10.1		NDOT
4	4.5		Other

61 speed enforcement missions were conducted over the course of the year with a total enforcement activity of 2807. The enforcement breakdown is as follows:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	2337
Hazardous	90
Non-Hazardous	350
Seat belt	30

During the course of speed enforcement and line patrol, 65 motorists were assisted, 11 arrests were made and 6 vehicles impounded. One DUI arrest was made. The high speed for the year occurred in March; a black BMW was clocked on US 95 near Mina at 109 mph.

Items of note over the course of the year:

On March 5, all three aircraft of the flight operations unit conducted a missing man formation flyover at the commencement of services for the Trooper Kara Kelly-Borgonone funeral.

On April 14, the plane was delivered to Kracon Aircraft in Lincoln, Ca. for paint and replacement of the 31 year old interior. The aircraft was returned to service May 30th. The project came in on budget at \$28,000.00. Per our interlocal agreement, NDOT reimbursed us for half the cost. The aircraft was taken out of service July 16 for replacement of the engine, turbocharger exhaust system and propeller governor. This project also came in on budget at \$60,214.00. Again, per our interlocal agreement, NDOT reimbursed us for half of the cost.

An *Airborne Traffic Observer* class was held in Elko in March resulting in the certification of 7 officers. The pilot continues to teach the TSA mandated class *Law Enforcement Officer Flying Armed* at the training academy.

The plane was on static display at three air shows over the year- Carson City, South Lake Tahoe and Stead.

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